



# St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church

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December 31, 2023

MINE EYES HAVE  
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**SALVATION.**

LUKE 2:30

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## This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday 1/1	6:30am Communion Service/Servicio de Comunion
Tuesday 1/2	6:30pm Communion Service/Servicio de Comunion
Wednesday 1/3	6:30am Communion Service/Servicio de Comunion
Thursday 1/4	12:00 noon Communion Service/Servicio de Comunion
Friday 1/5	8:00am Communion Service/Servicio de Comunion
Saturday 1/6	4:00 pm Mass/Misa en ingles
Sunday 1/7	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am Mass/Misa en ingles 1:30pm Misa en Espanol

## Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30-3:30pm  
**Reconciliation en Español**  
Domingo: 2:45—3:30 pm

Communal services during  
advent and Lent.  
(Priest available for private appointment.)

## Servicios en Español

Catecismo / Bautizos  
y Quinceaneras

Para más información hablen con  
Angela Tovar en la oficina al  
(225) 647-6588

## Our Mission Statement:

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church is a family of faith united in prayer, love, and Catholic tradition; and dedicated to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through evangelization, education, and Christian example.

# Sacramental Care

**PARISH REGISTRATION** Parish membership is open to all Catholics who reside within the territory of St. Theresa Church Parish and other Catholics with permission of their respective local pastor. To register, you can: go to our website [www.st-theresa-of-avila.com](http://www.st-theresa-of-avila.com), or contact the parish office to obtain up a form. Please be sure to update changes in contact information, marital status, or family information with Marita DeCuir at the parish office.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** Call Alice Blair about Baptism, First Eucharist, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC), Confirmation, or Parish School of Religion.

**MARRIAGE** Engaged couples must contact the Parish Priest at least six (6) months prior to anticipated wedding date.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL** Families should make arrangements with the Parish Priest.

**CARE OF THE SICK** Emergency calls are immediate. Holy Eucharist is taken to homebound parishioners weekly and is coordinated through the Community Services Office. Anointing is arranged with the Parish Priest.

**BAUTISMOS** Deben acudir los Padres del niño (a) que desean bautizar. Traer a la cita Partida de Nacimiento del niño (a) a la oficina de St. Teresa de Avila donde llenaran una solicitud en español. Para mas información pueden hablar a la oficina de St. Teresa de Avila al (225) 647-6588 y pregunten por Angela Tovar.

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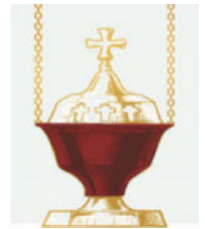


## Mass Intentions for the week of January 1, 2023

Monday, January 1	6:30am	Communion Service
Tuesday, January 2	6:30pm	Communion Service
Wednesday, January 3	6:30pm	Communion Service
Thursday, January 4	12:00pm	Communion Service
Friday, January 5	12:00pm	Communion Service
Saturday, January 6	4:00pm	J.E. & Betty Lanoux, Clay & Petty Englade, EJ & Adlice Waguespack, Barry Waguespack, John Keith Ambeau Family, Brittany Vreeland, Glory & Julian Schexnaydre, Sr., Fr Hugh O'Sullivan
Sunday, January 7	7:30am	Congregation of St. Theresa of Avila Church
	9:30am	Joe Keller, Jr., Aleksei Crooks, Lirette & Gyan Families, M/M Andrew Marchal Family, Gwen Chambers, Newton Bertrand, William Ledet, Bubbie Banker, M/M Lawrence Lambert Family, Camila R. Jimenez, Henry & Catherine LeBourgeois, Debbie & Mickey Pearce, Ron & Sharon Lambert, Al & Debra Brignac, Barbara Parsons & Philip Braud, Ruckle & Loretta Gautreaux
	11:30am	Souls in Purgatory
	1:30pm	Maria Santos Garcia

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of:

*William Ledet*



### Military Prayer List

Lord hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Mason Governale	Sable Englade
John A. Leonard	Jean-Paul Bujol
Ted Braxton	Trent LeBoeuf
Brandon Tamplain	Rhett Champagne
Lisa S. Haik	Daniel Parent
Taylor Hull	Rebecca Vavasseur
Jeremy Lanclos	Rachel Scholz
Caden Miles	Erika Godoy
Chase Regira	Adam Barkley
Nick Francis	Jackson Zeringue
Caleb J Moinot	Nicholis Milano
Brennen Hunt	Keonna Martin
Alyssa Frey	

### Prayer REQUESTS

Sophie LeBlanc	Paulette Joseph
Gavino Trujillo	Ranya & Mike Schubert Family
Marley Rae Frakes	Loretta Ridgeway
Baby Scarlett Wood	Earl & Brenda Lanoux
Jillian Babin	Jerry Ramirez
Adriana Maria Morales	Dale Hedges
Frank & Nancy Salemi	Trent Langlois
Chad Fox	Maria Evans Rivere
Michael J. Scallan	Ella Grace Rivere
Mary Brockman	Matthew Poche
David Stephens	Angela Sosa
Gregg Brooks	Elizabeth Clayton
William D. & Sheila McAllister	Trish LeBlanc
William R. McAllister	Ethelyn Rome
James McInnis	Rhea Couvillion
Trudy Breaux	Anne Laiche
Joe Tucker	
Cecilia Brown	

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office or send an email to: [lgautreau001@eatel.net](mailto:lgautreau001@eatel.net). Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Prayer list updated daily on our website.

Para agregar o eliminar un nombre de la lista de oraciones, por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia o envíe un correo electrónico a [atovar@eatel.net](mailto:atovar@eatel.net). Los nombres permanecerán en la lista de oraciones durante un mes.

Please note: Due to HIPAA laws, a hospital, nursing home or a home health agency cannot contact St. Theresa directly to notify us when a parishioner is ill. Family members need to contact the parish office at (225) 647-6588 to request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

## ***This week at St. Theresa:***

Monday January 1  
Happy New Year!

Tuesday January 2  
8:30am Parish Office reopens

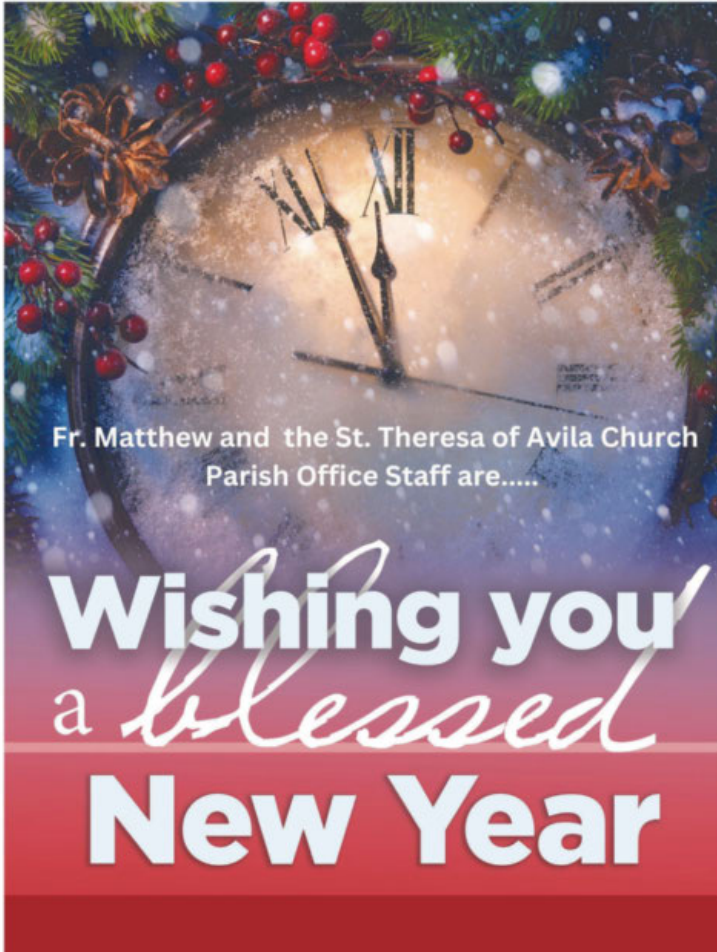
Saturday January 6  
9:00am Pastoral Council Meeting in the REC

## **Stewardship Information**

December 17, 2023

<b>General Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 18,040.00</b>
<b>Building &amp; Development:</b>	<b>\$ 1,963.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry:</b>	<b>\$ 9,465.77</b>
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New Year*


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THE  
DATE

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Bishop Michael Duca**

 St John the Evangelist in  
Prairieville, Activity Center

 Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 10:00am

*There is an 8:30am Mass and Perpetual  
help Novena prior to the devotional for  
those wishing to attend. Coffee and donuts  
will be served.*

Any questions, contact Betty Robert  
(225)933-9508 bcrobert@eatel.net

**All are welcome!**  
**Come and join us!**

# Pastoral Council Meeting

Saturday January 6, 2024

9am in the Religious Education Center



YOU'RE INVITED TO

*Wednesday  
Widows*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR JANUARY GATHERING

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10, 2024

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*Celebracion de  
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2023*



*Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
Celebration  
2023*



# Gracias!



Agradecemos a todas las familias que fueron anfitrion de nuestras hermosas reuniones de las posadas este año.

*Familia Jimenez Lopez  
Familia Banda Martinez  
Familia Gonzalez  
Familia Zambrano  
Familia Flores Rodriguez  
Familia Morales  
Familia Aguilar Benavides  
Familia Sierra*

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Conferencista

*Milena Giraldo*

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### CORO DE ST TERESA DE AVILA

les invita a todos los jovenes mayores de 18 años que sienten el llamado del Señor en el ministerio de musica se les invita a los ensayos los miercoles a las 8pm en la Iglesia 1022 N Burnside Ave Gonzales, LA 70737



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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

### Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps  
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### Monday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

### Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 1:19-28

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Jn 1:29-34

### Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

### Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

### Saturday:

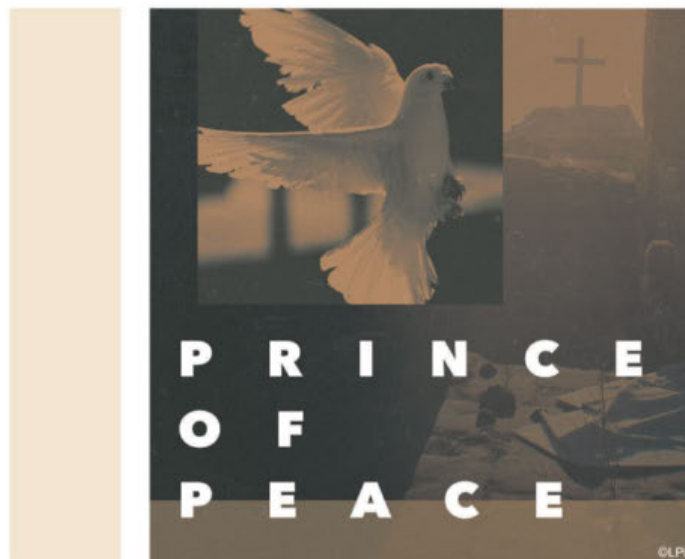
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34,  
36, 38

### Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see  
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*

LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES - INVOLUCRAR A PARROQUIANOS EN MISA Y ORACIÓN DIARIO

**Las lecturas de la semana del 31 de diciembre de 2023**

Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 o Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19/ Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40  
Lunes: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2)/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21  
Martes: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 1, 19-28  
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 29—3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34  
Jueves: 1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Jn 1, 35-42  
Viernes: 1 Jn 3, 11-21/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Jn 1, 43-51  
Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Mc 1, 7-11 o Lc 3, 23-38 o 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38  
Domingo siguiente: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

**Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 31 de diciembre de 2023**

Domingo: La Sagrada Familia; Víspera de Año Nuevo  
Lunes: María, la Santa Madre de Dios, Día de año nuevo, Día mundial de la paz  
Martes: San Basilio el Magno y San Gregorio Nacianceno, obispos y doctores de la Iglesia  
Miércoles: Día del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús  
Jueves: Santa Isabel, Ana Bayley, viuda de Seton, religiosa  
Viernes: San Juan Neumann, obispo  
Sábado: San André Bessette, religioso  
Domingo siguiente: Día de la Epifanía del Señor

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

**31 de diciembre de 2023**

**La Sagrada Familia**

Como familias de fe, siempre debemos de estar abriendo caminos de esperanza, amor y paz entre nuestros miembros de la familia. Vivimos nuestra realidad con gran confianza en Dios. Luchamos cada día por ser mejores, por mantener viva la fe que nuestros padres nos han heredado. La liturgia de hoy nos dice que la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret vivió de manera sencilla, cumpliendo con sus deberes religiosos y civiles, pero siempre confiando en Dios. *“Una vez que cumplieron todo lo que ordenaba la Ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él (Lucas 2,39-40).* Si el amor, el respeto y la comprensión están presente en la familia, los niños crecen en sabiduría y gracia. ¿Cómo está mi familia en términos de escucha y acompañamiento?

*“En cada familia hay problemas, y a veces también se discute. Padre me he peleado...; somos humanos, somos débiles, y todos tenemos a veces este hecho de que peleamos en la familia. Os diré una cosa: si nos peleamos en familia, que no termine el día sin hacer las paces. Si, he discutido, pero antes que termine el día, haz las paces. Y sabes ¿por qué? Porque la guerra fría del día siguiente es muy peligrosa. No ayuda. Y luego, en la familia hay tres palabras, tres palabras que hay que custodiar siempre: Permiso, gracias, perdón (Papa Francisco 12/27/2020). ¿Qué debo trabajar en mi familia para vivir en armonía?*

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## Prayer

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

## Mission for the Week

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.

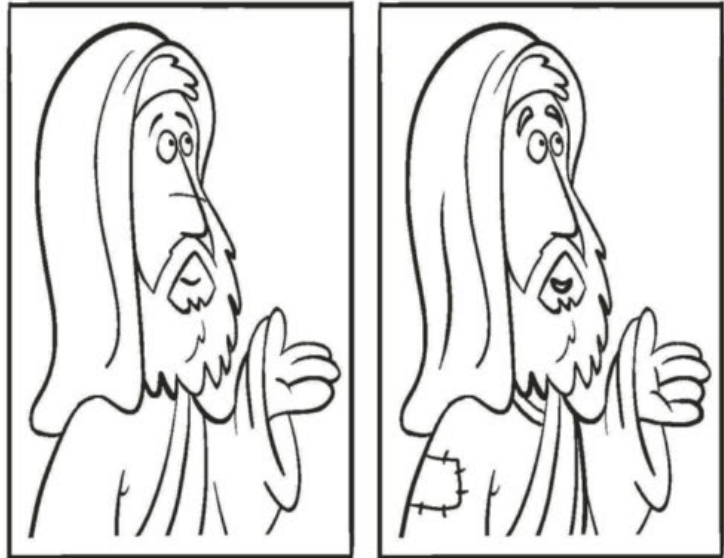
## Sharing the Gospel

Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.

**Now color the picture!**



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Quinceaneras tienen que estar asistiendo a nuestras clases de Formacion Religiosa antes de cumplir los 15 años. Favor de llamar a la oficina de la iglesia por lo menos un ano antes de la celebracion.  
Sra. Angela 225-647-6588



Para el Sacramento de Matrimonio favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial por lo menos un ano antes para recibir informacion acerca de la preparacion.  
Con la Sra. Angela 225-647-6588

### Pastoral de la Salud

Si tiene un enfermo que necesite los sacramentos de Uncion de Enfermos, Confesion y Communion le pedimos que se comunice al numero 225-647-6588 con la Sra. Angela Tovar



Para el Sacramento de bautizo llamar a la oficina parroquial con la Sra. Angela 225-647-6588

### ¿Esta registrado en St. Theresa?

Si usted asiste a la misa aqui regularmente y apoya a nuestra parroquia con su diezmo, pero no esta registrado formalmente, por favor llene un formulario de registro. Puede pasar a la oficina para registrarse y traer un comprobante de domicilio.

Ocasionalmente una carta de recomdacion es requerida para inmigracion, ser padrino o inscribirse en escuela catolicas y recibir la tarifa catolica.

La oficina solo podra darle tal carta si tenemos registro de que usted es miembro activo.

Si tiene algun cambio en su censo, como un cambio de direccion, estado civil, nuevo miembro de la familia o numero de telefono, venga a la oficina de la parroquia y realice los cambios lo mas antes posible para que podamos mantener su registro actualizado.  
**¡Gracias!**

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